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documents therein. Copies of the Japanese documents and English  
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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

1. USP 7,126,548 to Casio Computer Co., Ltd.  
Embodiment 7; Figs. 31-32; Stainless ring 170.

Column 22, line 6 says that the stainless ring 170 is formed  
of a non-conductive material 1.

2. Unexamined Japanese Patent Application KOKAI  
Publication No. 2006-112866 to Casio Computer Co., Ltd.  
Figs. 1-3 are the same as Figs. 31-32 of USP 7,126,548.

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The claimed subject matter is that a spacer member is placed between a case main body 1 and a back cover.

3. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2006/0109188  
to Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.  
Its Japanese counterpart: Unexamined Japanese Patent  
Application KOKAI Publication No. 2004-343625.

A male screw on the back cover is threaded to a female screw on the inner surface 1 of the case, and a part of the screw threads is cut to increase resistance of Fig. 5.

4. Examined Japanese Utility Model Application KOKOKU  
Publication No. S63-42377.

A structure to fix a back cover to a case by using a screw ring. Such a structure has conventionally been used in products.

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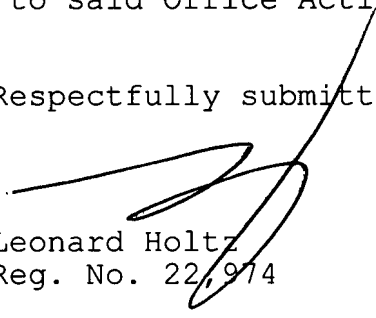
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